

Figure 8a is a perspective front view of a set top terminal.

Figure 8b is a perspective rear view of a set top terminal.

Figure 9a is a schematic of a basic decompression box and upgrade module, with the associated connections.

5 Figure 9b is a schematic of an alternative embodiment of a simple decompression unit and upgrade module, with associated connections.

Figure 10a is a drawing of storage for on-screen menu templates stored in graphics memory of the set top terminal.

10 Figure 10b is a drawing showing the hierarchical storage of graphics memory for the set top terminal.

Figure 10c is a drawing of a flow chart showing the steps required for the microprocessor to retrieve, combine and display a menu.

15 Figure 10d is a drawing of a flow chart showing the steps required for the microprocessor to sequence program menus.

Figure 11a is a schematic showing the two parts of a remote control unit.

Figure 11b is a drawing of the complete remote control derived from Figure 11a.

Figure 12a is a perspective view of the preferred remote control unit of the present invention.

20 Figure 12b is another drawing of the preferred remote control unit shown in Figure 12a.

Figure 13 is a flow chart of the progression of primary menus in the menu driven system of the set top terminal.

Figure 14a is a drawing of the basic menus used in the present invention, including the ten major menus represented by icons.

25 Figure 14b is a drawing of the basic menus used in the present invention, in addition to Figure 14a.

Figures 15a-15b are drawings of introductory menus.

Figures 16a-16e are drawings of menus related to program guide services.

Figures 17a-17e are drawings of interactive television promotional menus, for Levels A-C.

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